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JG/Mail Robbery

Re: Mail Robbery - East
Orange Station

OCTOBER 5, 1926

I called at the Bloomfield Station of the D. L. & W. R. R. and interviewed Golden Treadwell, who was the porter at the East Orange Station at the time of this shooting affair. He said he and a man named Eugene Stack, a post office clerk, were waiting for this train to come in with mail. They were standing on the railroad platform and had pulled up a truck alongside the train and loaded on the mail. After the car had pulled out and was pretty well under way, two men jumped off the step very close to where he and Stack were standing by the mail pouches. He said he saw the baggage man at the head of the train throw off a letter, which was up some distance from where they were standing. He started to go to pick up the letter and Stack stood at the truck with the mail. When he picked up the letter, he turned around, and saw one of these men coming towards him and the other going towards Stack, shooting at Stack. The man coming towards him backed him up in a corner and shot at his feet twice and then ran down the stairs to the street. He then went back to where Stack was and the other man ran past him and towards the steps, when Stack fired another shot and got the man, just as he was turning to go down the stairs, and killed him. Treadwell then telephoned the police.

He said it was kind of dark at that hour in the morning and the man who was shooting at him was standing close to him, but had his cap pulled down over his eyes. He said he would be glad to try and identify anyone thought to be this person, but that it was dark and he could not get a very good look at him, also that he was scared.

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